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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is further to the Amendment filed on August 11, 2003 and to a telephonic interview between the Examiner and the undersigned on August 19, 2003. Claims 1-21 were pending. Claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected. Claims 2, 10, 12 and 18 were objected to. Claims 5-9, 11, 13-17 and 19-21 were allowed. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.